



**State of Wisconsin**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING**  
**CORRESPONDENCE / MEMORANDUM**



**DATE:** March 23, 1998

**TO:** Interior Design Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Clete Hansen

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of March 18, 1998

We came up short of members for our meeting last week. We did not have a quorum of committee members to be able to make recommendations in the name of the committee; however, Bob Epps, Inge Winters, Tom Neumann, Jacquelynn Rothstein and I had an excellent discussion of the issues discussed below. Mary Moser was fighting the snow on Highway 51 and we were unsuccessful reaching her on her cellular phone. Bill Bachman, Brenda Brady and Judy Gehl called and said they could not make it. We didn't hear from anyone else.

Issue #1. All of us in attendance agreed that the Department should respond to the Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association with an affirmative response. The Department should approve the continuing education courses, provided they are approved by the National Kitchen and Bath Association. It appears that including that proviso will not be a problem, based on the materials received by the Department. However, we will ask the recipients of our letter to inform us if that is a problem.

Issue #2. Inge Winters felt that the Department's response to the enclosed letter of the Fox Valley Technical College should state that their courses will be acceptable for satisfaction of the Department's continuing education requirements only if the courses are approved by the Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDEC). Other persons recommended that the Department should approve courses "relating to the general subject matter of interior design" (see RL 130.03 (21) (a), Wis. Admin. Code) which are presented by institutions of higher learning which are accredited by one of the regional institutional accrediting commissions or associations which have been recognized by the U. S. Commissioner of Education, except that a registered interior designer may not receive continuing education credit for any course which he or she completed to qualify for registration with the Department.

Legal Counsel, Bill Dusso, has been working with the Law Revision Committee of the Legislature on a bill which will include revisions relating to business entities being permitted to use a term, such as "Wisconsin Registered Interior Designers." The legislative session is drawing to a close and this bill may not make it this session.